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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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Dr. F. J. Graham was in Edmore on

usiness Monday. Ben McCullough You will find the

Butter Cup wrappers. Walter Caple was in Mt. Pleasant on business yesterday. Chester M. Davis of this city spent

e week-end in Grand Rapids. Kelly S. Searl of Ithaca he city on business Tuesday. Mayor Ira H. Mckinney was

Vestaburg, known as the Pine River letroit on business yesterday. M. L. Perrigo was in Detroit and 'lint on business Wednesday.

Harry Gerber was a Fremont tor the fore part of the week. For quality and a strictly hand nade cigar, try Burkes .- 26 -.- c

Royal Hyde was in Grand Rapids n business the fore part of the week. Prosecuting Attorney O. L. Smith of Ithaca was in Alma on business

Puesday. Attorneys Mathews and Tuttle of thaca were in Alma on legal business Wednesday.

Why not eat our Quality rye on wheatless days, baked by Model Bakry.-26-1-c.

Attorney Stone of Ithacs was in this city on legal business the fore part of the week. Marshall Allen of Saginaw was in

Alma visiting with his parents the atter part of last week. Mrs. Orville Allen spent the weekend visiting with her husband at Camp Custer, Battle Creek.

Karl R. Adams for the past few ears manager of Wright opera house 3MM as given up the managership, which as been taken by H. M. Dunham.

The Zedeler Symphonic Quintette is the next number of the Alma Lyceum Course. This splendid attraction is billed for Monday evening, January

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sowers on Eastward avenue are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last Sunday morning. She is known as Margaret

Mrs. Edna Kelly, who has been pending the past several months in Colorado, is visiting at the home of ber daughter, Mrs. Glen Rockwell, for a few days.

A. R. Smith and Harry Willard

both have poultry exhibits at the Bay City Poultry show this week. Mr. Smith has an exhibit of barred rocks and Mr. Willard an exhibit of white

J. W. Hanna of Detroit, associate editor of the Michigan Investor, was an Alma visitor the later part of last week and while here paid the Alma Record a pleasant visit.

C. L. Chadwick of Ann Arbor and daughter, Miss Marjorie, of Toledo, were called here the latter part of last week by the very serious illness of E. N. Chadwick of this city. The Parents' club of Elmwood sub-

division meets with Mrs. Jessic Augustine on Grover avenue the first Thursday in February. Subject: "The Ideal Home." All mothers are especially invited to be present.

J. E. Fuller, supervisor of the first ward in this city, was elected by the board of supervisors of the county at the meeting last week, to attend the State Tax Association meeting at Bay City, as a delegate from this county. At the Baptist church next Sunday

afternoon at 4 o'clock those who are interested in a "Community Spirit" existing in Alma will gather for a "Sing." Miss Jones will act as director and Supt. Schultz will give n short address.

Mrs. A. B. Scattergood was called

to Reading, Michigan, last Saturday by the serious illness of her brother, Dr. Niblack, of that city. Before Mrs. Scattergood could reach that city a report came of his death, Sunday morning.

Michigan Motorist paid the state \$2,471,270 in licenses on 226,693 automobiles and 8,727 motorcycles last year. Of this amount Gratiot paid \$28,048.48 on 2,640 pleasure cars, 94 commercial trucks and 35 motorcycles. Gratiot received back \$14,024.23.

Francis Willard Union will receive the teachers of our public schools at the home of Mrs. A. H. Olmstead, 524 State street, Saturday afternoon, February 2. It is hoped that every member of the Union will be present to give our "teacher friends" a hearty

The Alma State Savings bank is being changed somewhat this week by the installation of new counters, ste It will give more working space for the employes of the bank and a greater amount of room for the patrons of

the bank, as the lobby will be somein this city, was re-elected vice-president of the Citizens' Mutual Automoile Insurance company at its third annual meeting held at Howell the latter part of last week. The report meeting showed that this new

ompany, now in its fourth year, paid 474 automobile claims. Mrs. C. B. Gardner and daughter, Lucile, leave in a few days to spend a few months with her husband at the medical training camp in the south, before he leaves for Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Will Ewing have rented

the Gardner home on State street for the period that Mrs. Gardner and aughter will be gone The Alma college basket ball team

will play the first Michigan Intercollegiate basket ball game of the ason next week Friday, February 1, meeting the Hillsdale five on the high school court. The game promises to be a good one and will serve as an indicator for the strength of the local uintet in the association race for the

The regular meeting of the Frances Willard Union was held January 16, at which time the president, Mrs. C L. Yood, who was sent as a delegate of the eighth district to the National convention gave a very delightful report of the same. So interesting and convincing were her remarks that when a call was given for new menbers nine responded. Mrs. Wood will visit any union that may be desirous of hearing this report.

VESTABURG ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

Little Loreene Howard, daughter of

Mrs. Wm. Van Horn, is recovering

Ray Caris has purchased the stock and fixtures, which were owned by Arthur Peck, of Aimn, spent the

weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Lewis Priest. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Throop on Thursday, Jan. 17th. Rev. J. D. Tanner will start holding revival meetings Sunday evening, Jan. 27th, at the Church of God, north of

or Corner church. The Vestaburg merchants, who were going to close their stores three nights a week until further notice, on account of an agreement made with each other, are now closing each night of the week as they are following orders sent to all since their agreement was made.

Mrs. Martha Walker has returned from Saginaw, where she has been visiting her sister since New Years. Lester Reader arrived here from Toledo Sunday, having been called here by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Fred Reader, who has been in poor health for some time, but was taker suddenly worse Saturday.

ANOTHER OLD SOLDIER PASSES

Saturday evening, January 5th, 1918, Mr. James M. Hoffman, late of Henry county, Ohio, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Stauffer, near Vestaburg, Mich. The deceased was born in Seneca county, Ohio, on January 27th, 1843. He was the son John and Margaret Hoffman. When he was five years old his parents moved to Henry county and there he remained a resident until within a year of his death.

In the year 1863 he was married to Miss Nancy A. Sloan, of Henry county. To this union were born two children: Minnie B. Stauffer, of Vesta-burg, Mich., and Rosa M. Kerman, who, three years ago, preceded him to his heavenly home. In the year 1890 he, with his wife, moved to Napoleon, where he was engaged in business. A year or so ago he retired from active business and they came to Michigan to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Stauffer.

Many years ago he united with the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, where he has been a very active member and an earnest Christian. He and his faithful wife were present in their



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He leaves to mourn his sudden de parture his wife, Mrs. Nancy Hoffman, and his daughter, Mrs. A. B Stauffer, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, Ed Kelly, of Atkinson, Nebraska, who made his boy-hood home with them, and many other relatives and friends.

The remains were taken to Napoleon, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1918. Funeral services were held from the home of Martin Slocum, on Meekinson St., conducted by Rev. E. S. Keller. Inter-ment in Forest Hill cemetery.

He Weep no more for friends departed, Nor despair with grief forlorn, But press onward, firm, true hearted Watch for heaven's eternal morn. There is sadness in the parting, There must be for many years, But how blest will be the meeting, Just beyond this vale of tears.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the many kind friends for assistance rendered for their words and deeds of sympathy and their floral remembrances during the illness, death and burial of our loved one. These acts will never be

Mrs. J. M. Hoffman and family.

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